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PRIORITY CLAIM

37 CFR 1.78(a)(3)/1.78(a)(6)

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Sir,

Applicant petitions for acceptance of the delayed priority claim that was made in the *Amendment Accompanying RCE* filed September 21, 2006 (and also memorialized in a *Revised Application Data Sheet* filed on the same day).

The present application was filed after November 29, 2000, and the period for timely submission of a priority claim under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(ii) has passed.

The delayed priority claim submitted on September 21, 2006 reads:

This application is a continuation-in-part of application 09/571,422, filed May 15, 2000 (now patent 6,947,571), which claims priority to provisional application 60/163,332, filed November 3, 1999.

The references required by 35 USC §§ 119(e) and 120 have previously been submitted (*Amendment Accompanying RCE*, filed September 21, 2006).

The entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(ii), and the date the claim was filed, was unintentional.

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